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The application now contains forty (40) claims, numbered 1 to 40.

Claims 41 to 90 have been cancelled without prejudice.

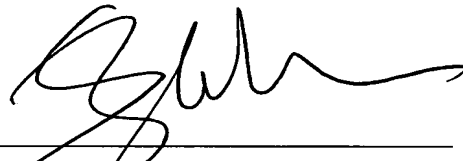
It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added to the application by the present amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, the applicant is of the view that claims 1 to 40 are in allowable form. Early allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

If the application is not considered to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, the applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j) or in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP 706.03 so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



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